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SBA RECOGNIZES NEW HAVEN RESIDENT FOR HIS DEDICATION AND SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

Hartford – The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has named **Rev. Dr. John H. Scott, III** Professor, Gateway Community College and Pastor of the Dixwell Avenue Congressional Church the 2005 Minority Small Business Champion of the Year.

“It is very rewarding to honor Rev Dr. John H. Scott, III for his efforts on behalf of the minority community,” said Charles E. Summers, Jr., the SBA’s New England Regional Administrator. “He is committed to providing pathways for all to succeed and our country and economy is better off because of him.”

As a Professor of Business specializing in Business Law and Finance at Gateway Community College, and as Pastor of the Dixwell Avenue Congregational Church Rev. John H. Scott, III has been extremely committed to the advancement of minority entrepreneurship. Rev. Prof. Scott revised the Business Law course at Gateway, which is a requirement for the Gateway Small Business Center’s Entrepreneurship Studies Associates Degree Program and also developed programs and motivational speeches to provide information and assistance to the community on starting and growing small businesses.

Rev. Prof. Scott has visited numerous high schools in the Greater New Haven Area and spoke to students about careers in business as well as developed numerous promotional materials to encourage high school students to consider careers in business, particularly entrepreneurship. John volunteers as an advisor to the student group, Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) helping them to make a difference in their community by helping them develop a better understanding of how our free enterprise systems works and how to use the information to empower themselves and achieve success.

In his Congregation in the community, Rev. Prof. Scott has designed and developed “The Wellness Program – A Chain of Faith, Inc., an organization established to provide information to the public which will better their lives. Rev. Prof. Scott not only includes the typical health information, but also financial literacy and information on how to open a small business. He has also developed an advising program to match his parishioners who are successful entrepreneurs with potential entrepreneurs. His efforts to

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encourage and promote small businesses are part of his overall efforts to provide economic development for his faith-based community. Scott is also currently working with the Small Business Administration (SBA) to develop a unique faith-based financial education program for the New Haven community. The pilot will begin at the Dixwell Avenue Congregational Church and the model that is developed may be used in other communities.

Rev. Prof. Scott is also a sought-after motivational lecturer whose focus is for the hearer to live the American Dream. He is a member of the Connecticut Business Educators Association, the National Business Educators Association, the International Society for Business Education and a member of Congresswoman DeLauro's Service Academy Advisory Committee. Rev. Prof. Scott continually gives his time and expertise to many other efforts to enhance minority entrepreneurship and is a member of numerous business education associations and local community organizations. He has also received numerous accolades for his hard work. Rev. Prof. Scott is married to Attorney Dawn Scott. They have two sons- John IV and Julian.

Connecticut award recipients will be honored at an awards reception this Thursday May 19, 2005. If you would like more information on the reception or next year's nominations contact (860) 240-4700 or visit www.sba.gov/ct.

Small businesses have been essential to sustaining our nation's and our state's economic health. Entrepreneurs and advocates play a vital role in the ongoing business development efforts, and their accomplishments are worthy of recognition. The nomination process begins in September of each year and is coordinated by your local SBA office.

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A complete list of the 2005 Small Business Week award recipients is attached.

**2005 Small Business Week Award Recipients
Connecticut District Office**

Small Business Person of the Year

Carl Lucchino and Al Lucchino
Harley-Davidson/Buell of Danbury

Small Business Exporter of the Year

Todd DiPentima
Pegasus Manufacturing, Middletown

SBA Family-Owned Business of the Year

Robert B. Munson, Karen F. Munson, and.
James M. Florence
Munson's Chocolates, Bolton

Financial Services Champion

Dennis F. Brown
Counselor, Connecticut Community
Investment Corporation

Minority Small Business Champion

Reverend John H. Scott, III
Professor, Gateway Community College
State and Regional Champion

Small Business Journalist

Scott Whipple
New Britain Herald

Women in Business Champion

Janet Testa
Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce
State and Regional Champion

Veteran Small Business Champion

Linda S. Schwartz, Commissioner
Connecticut Department of Veteran
Affairs

Sub-Contractor of the Year

E. A. Patten Company, Manchester
Regional Selection